The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR!

WOW! Another month comes and goes. Hopefully all of have recovered from Field Day by now! A great effort by all concerned and you can read a follow-up report from our webmaster Randy WB4SPB on page 10. A great report, Randy!

Apparently a bit of misinformation was being sent out this last month concerning the upcoming increase in expense allowances being considered by the BOD. A slightly inflammatory email thread went back and forth discussing the impending action(s) of the board. It turned out to be a tempest in a teapot. A letter explaining all of it can be found on page nine of this issue, following the monthly BOD minutes.

The lesson here is that we should consider more carefully the actual contents of email threads before responding. I know that I did not do my due diligence on this one either. The BOD had sent out an explanation of the matter well before the actual event. Unfortunately, I just skimmed over that announcement and as a result it came as a surprise to me when the matter was brought up in an email thread.

A word to the wise: when club emails or the "Email blast" is sent out, we **ALL** should read them carefully and respond appropriately**.**

It's much too easy to "shoot from the hip" when these things occur. Email has been the ruination of many a person, so lets actually read carefully, put it aside, then read it again a day or two later and only then formulate an adult, considered response…

Ok, enough preaching from the bully pulpit! On to yet another fine quality Loggers Bark!

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting
July 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 by President Mike W7XTZ

Officers and Directors Present

President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Vice President	Adam Barbera W2NCC
Secretary	Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer	Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Paul Matney W7PFU
Board	Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum: A quorum was present and 17 Directors and members were in attendance in person or via Zoom for all or part of the meeting. The attendance list is attached.

Silent Key or Illness: No SKs reported. Former President Dave W7UUU is mostly recovered from a case of Covid and attended the meeting via Zoom. It was learned that member Tom Lesick W7TJL has serious health issues and is at home but will require heart surgery.

Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2022 RCT BOD meeting: Without objections the minutes of June 1, RCT BOD meeting was approved as distributed.

Secretary's Report (W7MKE)

Mike W7MKE reported on new real property value notice. The old total valuation was $XXX,900 and the new valuation is $XXX,600. All other correspondence was routine.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)

Steve AF7YD submitted a written report which is attached.

Committee / Reports

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)

Mike W7XH reports membership stands at 278. He welcomed the newest members: Rich Langsford N6LA, Max Mackersie KK7HAY and Matthew Smiley KK7GZM.

Training (AD7AB)

The last Technician class was June 11-12 and the next class will be in October.

VE (AC7WW)

John Clarke AC7WW reported:

On Tuesday, June 14TH your VE Team graded 35 Exam Elements from 19 candidates. Thirteen new Technicians joined the Amateur Service. One was eleven years old. Six candidates upgraded to General, and

one upgraded to Extra. One candidate, 16 years of age, passed element 2,3 and 4 to be an Extra. Thanks to the following for their service and time. Leonard, KA7NWF; Jan, K7HTU; Rich, KK7VH; Mike, W7XH; Stephen, AD7AB

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, July 12TH, 2022.

Info Tech and Website (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reported the computers are all working. For the website, he needs to update the Field Day page to an after-action report. Mike W7XTZ thanked Randy for his work at Field Day setting up logging, etc.

HF Operations(K7PIA)

Phil K7PIA reported that in July all stations were working post Field Day. For contesting see www.contestcalendar.com. The big contest upcoming is IARU World Championship. No DX upcoming but check www.ng3k.com for updates. The VHF/UHF station is mostly together but we are still trying to get digital modes working.

Tower (K7MO)

Adam W2NCC reported that he will get the standoffs installed. Some items such as the rotator have some rust. The 40 & 80 meter dipoles may need new baluns.

Repeater Ops (N7OMS)

Mike W7MKE reported that Al N7OMS told him he's identified the person to get access to the Bates repeater and this person is someone Nick K7MO knows so he hopes he and Nick will soon get to that repeater for maintenance.

Facilities Management (W2NCC)

Adam W2NCC reported he has received one bid for some of the work needed on the wheel-chair ramp, club soffits and garage roof and has three more bids coming in so hopefully the BOD/ membership can move on those in August. These are the highest priority items but Adam maintains a list of facilities maintenance projects and if members feel competent to assist with them talk to Adam.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reported that in June PMT took in $365. There is a new list posted on the website and many items are priced to move. Red submitted a list of new items for disposal and **moved** to be able to dispose of the items. Motion was seconded by Adam. **Motion passed**. Red mentioned he received donation of digital dual faced clocks which will be for sale beginning Saturday. See attached list of items listed for disposal. (Log in to W7DK.org website, then see User Perks menu item. Ed.)

Museum (KD7SV)

Dan KD7SV reported not much is happening in the Museum due to Field Day activity. He reports that everything there is working and if you want to use those radios, please let Dan know especially if you need instructions.

Weds Workshop (WB4SPB)

Randy reported he has no topic yet. Mike W7XTZ suggested that we have a Field Day review. That seemed to be a good idea and that's the plan.

Unfinished Business

Bylaws comments from members Bob K7MXE and Rich KR7W /discussion (Correspondence attached).

The only critique received of the proposed bylaws was that the BOD should not have authority to spend up to $XXXX without membership approval and it was urged to maintain the $XXXX BOD spending limit. At the request of the members who brought this up, their written comments are attached to these minutes. There were also a couple of email threads that were similar to the comments attached.

Discussion ensued on this issue. An important justification for raising the limit is that there are many urgently required maintenance projects all of which exceed $XXXX individually. There has in the last two years been difficulty raising a quorum needed to conduct business. And lack of quorums could delay needed repairs.

It was felt that opposition seems to show a lack of faith in the elected members of the BOD. Since all members are welcome at all BOD meetings and Monthly Meetings, any "wild spending" ideas could be countered. There are nine board members who are responsible individuals who have the best interests of RCT in mind when spending its money and were elected by the membership for the express purpose of conducting the club business. Since this is in fact a Radio Club, it is somewhat ironic that the spending objections seemed to be solely directed toward the fear that the BOD might purchase new radios or radio equipment!

The spending limit of $2000 has been in place since at least 1999 and inflation and cost of doing business has significantly increased since that time, when the club had less cash reserves. The current cash balance is nearly $XXXXXX so $XXXX is about 5% of that total. Our property is now valued at $XXXX and $XXXX is about 1% of that value**. Mike W7MKE moved** to maintain the $XXXX limit in the proposed bylaws and to send the proposed bylaws to the members for approval. Motion was seconded by Doug AB7DG and a roll call vote was taken of the Board of Directors and **Motion passed 9-0**.

An open letter from President Mike W7XTZ to the membership is proposed to further understanding of the BOD's reasons for raising the spending authority to $XXXX. (Page 9 of this document. Ed.)

Larry KD4VOM mentioned that our first property on Oak Street was lost in the depression. The current property was purchased by real estate agent Mel Pruitt K7ATF RCT#399 who allowed the club to repay him as the club was able without interest. So do not discount member's potential contributions and the need to keep them as informed as possible.

New Business

Red WB7EC asked about the picnic. The shelter #1 at Ft. Steilacoom is reserved all day on August 7th and the picnic is still going to happen. (Page)

Activity Reports, Discussion Topics, Announcements

Pacific NW Convention August 5-7, Spokane, WA https://pacificnwdxconvention.com/

Bruce WE7P mentioned that if you sign up for Amazon Smile, it's free and if you name RCT as your charity the club gets ½ of 1% of your purchases.

Adjournment at: 20:23 Submitted by: Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

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Radio Club of Tacoma
General Meeting
July 13th 2022

Officers and Directors Present
Vice President Adam Barbera W2NCC
Secretary Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board Phil Pia K7PIA
Board Paul Matney K7PFU
Board Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board Bruce Hansen WE7P

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:06 by Secretary Mike W7MKE.

Flag Salute Lead by Mike W7MKE.

Quorum? (10% of membership required to "conduct business") A Quorum was not established and 20 members attended in person or via zoom.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of New Members and Visitors:
No new visitors or new members present.

Health and Welfare/Silent Key & Illness:
Former member Carrie Kear KD7GUK the XYL of Richard Kear KD6FEA informed the club that Richard became a SK June 30th. Graveside services will be held Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent/Auburn at 1:30 pm July 31st with fellowship and refreshments following at LDS chapel at 112th & Parkland just west of Portland Ave.

PROGRAM: Field Day recap and critique
- The food was good! (Thank you Paul, Jan, Red)
- Seemed to be more new operators/young people
- Program managers need to be engaged more and earlier. They may need checklists with items to address
- RandyWB4SPB provided a breakdown of the contacts. Published in BARK and on Website
- Randy wondered if 20M feedline was lossy as some operators did not seem to get response. We should perhaps test feedlines. However some operators indicated no issues.
- One station did not have a foot PTT controller which hinders logging/operating
- Some logging issues (duplicates) primarily with FT8.

President Mike W7XTZ will write a thank you letter to Director of Western State

Gary WG7X asked everyone to send his pictures to him.

Secretary's Report
Mike W7MKE reported the new property valuations received from the Pierce County. The Clubhouse value is up from $XXX,900 to $XXX,600. All other correspondence was routine bills, magazines, etc.

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)
Current RCT membership # 281
New members since 1 Jan 2022 (28 total)
2996 Andrew Hall KK7CSV Technician Full
2997 John McMenamin KJ7ZPD Technician Full
2998 William Knaust W7NY Extra Full
2999 Joe Castillo KN6DQB Technician Full
3001 William Rollison WA7WJR General Full
3002 Rod Kirsch KK7CSW Technician Full
3003 Robert Carrey III KK7BXV Technician Full
3004 George Budd KK7ELJ Technician Promotional22
3005 Roy Prince KK7ELP Technician Promotional22
3006 Peter Roach KK7ELO Technician Promotional22
3007 Sarah Padilla KK7ELM Technician Promotional22
3008 Eric Tenborg KK7EMG Technician Promotional22
3009 Joshua Miller KK7ELC Technician Promotional22
3010 Trent Leslie KE8HPF General Full
3011 Geoffrey Morris KK7FLV Technician Associate
3012 Ryan Weichert KK7HTB Technician Full
3013 Chris Barnes KK7EMA Technician Full
3014 Adam Heinricy KK7FLZ Technician Full
3016 Kevin Ebat W7QKR Technician Promotional22
3017 Lacy Jarvis KK7FLW Technician Full
3018 Paul Thorpe KL7JCB General Senior
3019 Richard Langsford N6LA Extra Senior
3020 Maxton Mackersie KK7HAY Technician Promotional22
3021 Matthew Smiley KK7GZM General Promotional22
3022 Brett Taylor KK7HBT Technician Full
3023 Fletcher Drew WA7FPD Technician Full
3024 Tina Drew KG7AWZ Technician Family
3025 John Kalina WA7VDI Advanced Senior
End of report Mike W7XH

George K7GRS showed a graphic of membership vs Salmon Run Donations. The graphic showed that membership was more or less steady while SR donations have trended upward mostly due to a few large donors.

VE REPORT by John AC7WW

On Tuesday, July 12TH your VE Team graded 9 Exam Elements from 6 candidates. Three new Technicians joined the Amateur Service. One candidate passed element 2 and 3 to join the Amateur Service as a General and one upgraded to General.

Thanks to the following for their service and time. Rich, KK7VH; Mike, W7XH; Phil, K7PIA; Stephen, AD7AB

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, August 9TH, 2022.

HF Operations (K7PIA)

Phil K7PIA reported all stations operable. Check www.contestcalendar.com for radio sport. Check www.NG3K.com for DX. VHF/UHF station still needs to be setup for digital, but otherwise functional. Come up and operate the radios. Ask Phil to set you up if you want to try a contest.

Repeater Operations (N7OMS)

Mike W7MKE report that Al N7OMS told him he's made contact with Bates and they've asked W7DK to remove their gear from the shack to an abandoned ATT building on the site. This should be a better location for our gear once it gets setup. Al and Nick K7MO are going to do this.

IT Report (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reports all clubhouse computers are working.

Museum (KD7SV)

Dan KD7SV reports that he's working on tuning the Drake TR4 and radios in the museum are functional and ready to use. See him if you need help.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC said last month we took in $365. There is some new gear listed on the website and new updated lists are posted in the kitchen. We received new digital clocks and they sold readily. There might be one or two more available.

4th Wed. Night Activity (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB is still working on a topic. Stand by.

Bark Editor (WG7X)

Gary WG7X appreciates feedback on the BARK. If you have anything to add send it to the address listed on the last page of this publication for "Bark Editor". (Yes! Indeed feed back is important to this publication! Ed.)

Unfinished Business: Discussion of Proposed new bylaws

Back early in the year President Mike W7XTZ empaneled a committee to review the bylaws and suggest changes and bring it into compliance with some new WA State Laws. The committee was Mike W7XTZ, Doug Schafer AB7DG, George Salisbury K7GRS and Paul Matney W7PFU. After working for several months, they turned their results over to the BOD for their input. The BOD met monthly in March – June and finalized a draft proposal to send to the members. The proposed bylaws are available for viewing on the W7DK website at W7DK.org

Some of the recommended revisions address:

Distinguishing membership categories and dues categories.

Allowing the Board to arrange for online voting.

Clarifying that both the Officers and the Directors are Board members.

Clarifying governance of the museum as the distinct W7OS Club.

Raising from $2,000 to $5,000 the requirement for a membership vote on an extraordinary expense. Allowing the President with Board approval to make emergency expenditures.

Clarifying the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer responsibilities.

Updating provisions regarding Board and membership meetings consistent with the new statutes.

Updating provisions regarding standing committees.

Clarifying the process of amending the Bylaws.

In order to prepare for the vote regarding proposed changes to the Bylaws, members are encouraged to review: https://w7dk.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=62&Itemid=335

Input prior to this meeting and at the BOD meeting primarily centered on the proposal to raise the extraordinary expenditure limits the BOD has. To address this, President Mike W7XTZ has written an open letter to the membership explaining the BOD's reasoning. This letter (following) was read to the members attending.

(Letter shown on next page. Let's all thank the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the club. Ed.)

Radio Club of Tacoma
P.O. Box 11188
Tacoma, WA 98411

July of 2022

Dear Club Members,

A bylaws review committee has been working diligently for several months looking at the current bylaws to see what changes may need to be made to reflect current times & conditions. Bylaws are rules set up by an organization to regulate itself. Recently, the Washington State legislature changed the current laws covering non-profit organizations (enacted in 1967) to modernize outdated provisions that no longer reflect today's recommended practices. Your bylaws review committee has been working to mirror what the legislature has enacted but also to specifically address what the club does and hopes to accomplish.

Feedback on the proposed bylaws has generally been positive with the only critique being that the Board of Directors should not have authority to spend up to $5000 without membership approval and it was urged to maintain the $2000 BOD spending limit. To clarify, the spending would be for emergency repairs and/or capital improvements and not for purchase of "toys" or "wants". There has been in the last two years difficulty raising a quorum needed to conduct business and lack of quorums could delay urgent repairs should they occur. Among the board members, it was felt that opposition seems to show a lack of faith in the elected members of the Board. Since all members are welcome at all board meetings, in person or via electronic means, any "wild spending" ideas could be rebuffed. There are nine board members who are responsible individuals who have the best interests of the Club in mind when spending its money who were elected by the membership for the express purpose of conducting Club business.

The spending limit of $2000 has been in place since 1999 when the club had about $20,000 in cash reserves. Inflation and the cost of doing business has greatly increased. The current Club reserve is nearly $100,000 so $5000 is about 5% of that total. Our property is now valued at $465,000 and $5000 is about 1% of that value.

At the July 6th Board of Directors meeting Mike Drobaugh W7MKE moved and Doug Schafer AB7DG seconded that the $5000 spending limit in the proposed bylaws remain as written to be sent to the general membership for approval. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

Hopefully, this clarifies or answers some of the questions that have been asked. The next step is for you as a member to approve or disapprove the proposed bylaws during our November election meeting. I hope you will carefully consider the proposal and then exercise your vote.

Respectfully,

Mike Mikuchonis, w7xtz
President, Radio Club of Tacoma

Field day round up report from Randy WB4SPB!

Back at it!

After two years of pandemic-imposed restrictions , W7DK was again heard far and wide on Field Day this year. Over 75 participants assisted or attended our deployment on the grounds of Western State, across from Ft. Steilacoom Park in Lakewood, a site we have used for Field Day for more than a decade. This was a First Field Day experience for a number of members who have joined the club in the last few years.

Our antenna farm was replete with enviable assemblies of aluminum and skywire:

- Our 80M dipole was raised to 80 feet, and noise on that band was only S2 to S3!
- The 40M wire yagi soared at 60 feet, giving coverage to the east while its integrated catenary dipole pro vided 40M coverage to points south.
- The 20M mono-banders for phone and CW, recently refurbished by Steve Dightman AF7YD and Nick Winter K7MO, were raised on the club's rocket launchers.
- The 15M mono-bander sat atop a third rocket launcher provided by K7MO.
- The 10M mono-bander perched on an extension-ladder mast.
- A 6M yagi was erected on a mast attached to a trailer.

Station managers were Dan Vacanti KD7SV (80/15), Warren Angus NG7G (40), Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ (20 phone), Nick Winter K7MO (20 CW), Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE (digital), and John Marsden KI7YRC (VHF/UHF).

26 licensed operators are in the log: KK7HAY, KI7YRC, WE7P, AF7YD, K7ANA, KJ7NIF, KC7PS, KK7KJC, W7GEL, KA7NWF, W2NCC, WB7TVS, K7YEM, W7XTZ, W7LKG, N7OMS, W7MKE, W7XH, KA7DCX, KD7SV, K7BTW, N7EPD, NG7G, W7JSJ, K7OG, and WB4SPB.

We had two youthful operators, both age 12: Max Mackersie KK7HAY and Jesse Matney, grandson of Paul W7PFU.

Chuck Kemmer AC7QN once again provided a bicycle generator, which we used to earn the Natural Power bonus. It proved surprisingly easy to make five CW QSOs with only 5 watts using the 40M wire yagi, so our riders did not have much time to benefit from the cardio exercise. (Photo next page. Ed.)

The crew was well fed by **Master Chiefs of the Mess** Paul Matney W7PFU and Jan Gilbertson K7HTU, assisted by Red Cranefield WB7EC.

Doug Oakman AD7AV conducted an educational activity, showing how WinLink Express can be used in an emergency to send health and welfare traffic. 22 pieces of formal traffic were originated by participants, one of whom was Arianna Topbjerg, an invited official of Tacoma Fire Emergency Management.

W7DK made 609 CW QSOs, 474 digital QSOs, and 299 phone QSOs, using five HF transmitters and one VHF/ UHF station, for a total of 2465 QSO points (compare with 1709 in 2019, and 1636 in 2018). All stations ran on generator power, putting us in class 5A. Although the number of sections worked does not contribute to our score, it is fun to note that we worked all but five US and Canadian sections.

We claimed bonus points for:

- 100% emergency power
- Public location
- Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC
- W1AW Field Day message
- Formal messages handled
- Natural power QSOs completed
- Site visit by invited served agency
- Educational activity
- Youth participation

Our total claimed score this year is 6220.

Kudos to chief cat-herder Adam Barbera W2NCC and the large group of members who stepped up and helped the club pull together a Field Day deployment in uncertain times and with only a couple of months to prepare.

Left, Chuck AC7QN on the bike providing / testing human-power to the radio for the Natural Power bonus! What you can't see is how hot it was that day and how hard Chuck was working to provide that power!

It should be mentioned that there were an number of folks, not listed as operators, who contributed to the overall field day efforts in many ways including but not limited to set up / take down, kitchens, overnight security, securing the site, generator operations, etc, etc etc. It was truly a team effort, and we all should be proud of our club "The Mighty 'DK's efforts and abilities to do stuff that needs to be done, when it's needed. A huge round of applause for all who participated in any way at the 2022 field day extravaganza! (Ed.)

Just for fun...

THIS ONES FOR YOU, DAVE!

(You know who...)

Dave was bragging to his boss one day, "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them."

Tired of his boasting, his boss called his bluff, "OK, Dave, how about Tom Cruise?"

"No drama boss, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So Dave and his boss fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door, and Tom Cruise shouts,
"Dave! What's happening? Great to see you! Come on in for a beer!"

Although impressed, Dave's boss is still skeptical. After they leave Cruise's house, he tells Dave that he thinks him knowing Cruise was just lucky.

"No, no, just name anyone else," Dave says.
"President Biden," his boss quickly retorts.
"Yup," Dave says, "Old buddies, let's fly out to Washington," and off they go.

At the White House, Biden spots Dave on the tour and motions him and his boss over, saying, "Dave, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a beer first and catch up."

Well, the boss is very shaken by now but still not totally convinced. After they leave the White House grounds he expresses his doubts to Dave, who again implores him to name anyone else.

"Pope Francis," his boss replies.
"Sure!" says Dave. "I've known the Pope for years." So off they fly to Rome.

Dave and his boss are assembled with the masses at the Vatican's St. Peter's Square when Dave says, "This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope." He disappears into the crowd headed towards the Vatican.

Sure enough, half an hour later Dave emerges with the Pope on the balcony, but by the time Dave returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics.
Making his way to his boss' side, Dave asks him, "What happened?"

His boss looks up and says, "It was the final straw... you and the Pope came out on to the balcony and the man next to me said, 'Who the heck is that on the balcony with Dave?'

MAILBAG!

BSA WashJam 8/18-21/2022

First up is our club Secretary, who has forwarded a request for help from club members with a Boy Scout Jamboree to be held at Ft. Steilacoom park here in Lakewood.

The event is August 18 - 21 and our support will be much like at WA State Fair. We'll just be the staff to answer questions and help the boys.

Larry Richardson has all the setup and gear and can use help Thursday the 18th to help setup with HF/VHF/UHF operations on 19th, 20th and 1/2 Day the 21st.

If we can get enough helpers say 8-10 I'd ask the Club to offer Larry say $200 for all our meals as we won't be staying all day every day. Anyway **please let me know if you can help with some idea of when you can be there. It is at Ft. Steilacoom Park. I'd like to get back to Larry with some support info by Tuesday or Wednesday.**

Mike- W7MKE RCT Secretary

Summary of Larry's email:

We do need staff for support the event. I have equipment for the biggest part of the station. 10 radios, three battery boxes with power supply. Two Honda 2200 generators, that are propane and tied together for a 20 and 30 amp service. 3 hf antennas, 4 vhf and uhf antennas. 3 mag mount antennas for the battery boxes that have Icom 4100 radios. Also tent, pop up shelter, motor home with air conditioning, and backup power supply. Event is setup on Thursday, operate Friday, Saturday and Half day on Sunday, then take down. **$30.00 per person for all meals**.

More info if you want it.

Larry Richardson, E.D. K7LBD

Master Sergeant, Tukwila Police Department (Ret)

Chief of Staff, Tacoma Maritime Institute

K7lbd@yahoo.com

C/206-919-4415 (primary)

H/253-538-1010 (message)

A request from Steve AF7YD for an antenna book.

I am seeking to borrow a copy of The ARRL Antenna Book companion CD for the 21st Edition (2007).
Specifically it includes software for Gamma Match and Yagi design.
Any leads on who might be a likely person to ask would also be appreciated.
(and no, It is not part of the W7DK library.)
73, Steve, AF7YD; stevedightman@kendra.com

Field day video courtesy of Mike W7XH, Thanks Mike!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyF8xoV0UFw

It's a nice video! Please watch and see if you are in it! Still experimenting with the hyperlinks. In the meantime, just copy and paste into the search bar on your browser.

August Picnic info from Dave, W7UUU

"It's that time of year again - for the W7DK annual picnic! Since we couldn't have it the last two years, it will be nice to get everyone together once again for good times, good food, and maybe some radio activities to boot!

Time: We have the shelter from 10:30 until 5:00. For those with early-setup needs, please arrive no earlier than 10:30. For those coming just to join the fun, plan to arrive around 11:30 or earlier if you want to pitch in. Cleanup should begin no later than 3:00 PM
Food: Chef Paul will be doing his usual yummy burgers and hotdogs as in years past, and we ask all who attend to bring something to go with: chips, salads, deserts, the usual stuff. Sodas and water will be provided.
Trivia Contest: We will again hold our W7DK Trivia Contest, with Dave W7UUU as the MC of that event as we've done before. So put your best brain cells forward! Fabulously trivial prizes of almost zero value will be in abundance!
Radios: There will usually be at least one member with a QRP rig to play with and share, just know that no antennas can be used that require "shooting the trees" with ropes. Just small antennas on a tripod will be allowed.
Rules: There is a strict prohibition against ALL tobacco products anywhere on park grounds. No alcohol of any kind, even if in vehicles.
Notes: Bring a jacket, and be aware we often have a lot of bees around the trash cans. Bring your own folding chair if you want a comfortable seat (otherwise there's plenty of picnic tables)

We hope to see lots of smiling faces and hopefully this year the weather will cooperate unlike previous years with cold and wind.

See you all there!!"

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W7UUU
Dave Ellison
ARRL Diamond Club Member
Past President, Radio Club of Tacoma (2017-2020)
WB7AWK > W7UUU 2012
Amateur Extra since 1997
General Class 1975 - 1997

The Mighty DK's!

Monthly QSO Report

Each month in the *Bark* the Radio Club of Tacoma recognizes the members and guests who have made non-contest QSOs using the HF stations at our clubhouse. Saturday Open House, especially, is a time when members have access to this equipment. Why not sit down at one of our operating desks and make a contact or two? Assistance is almost always available for those unfamiliar with the equipment, and if your license class doesn't permit HF operation, ask the denizens of the HF Room or the Saturday clubhouse host to help you find a suitably-licensed control operator to sit with you.

It's a feather in the club's hat for the call sign of **The Mighty DK** to be heard on the airwaves. So get on the air and get your name in the *Bark*! (Don't forget to enter your call sign as the operator into our logging program.)

QSOs June 28 through July 28, 2022:

Mike W7MKE: 6
John W7CBC: 10

The Club LINEUP

Club Officers

President: Mike Mikuchonis –W7XTZ w7xtz©w7dk.org

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Secretary: Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE - w7mke@w7dk.org

Treasurer: Steve Dightman, AF7YD - af7yd©w7dk.org

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